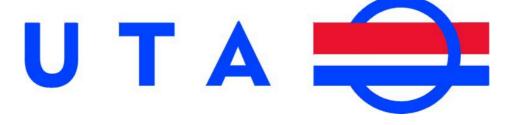
# Partners In Transportation



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL







# Wasatch Front Population Growth

• From 1974 to 1999 the Wasatch Front's Population Has Increased by **783,000** People

• It Is Projected That Between 1999 and 2020 the Wasatch Front's Population Will Grow by an Additional **920,000** People

#### Growth In Travel Demand

- Historically, Travel Demand Along the Wasatch Front Has Grown at a Compounded Annual Rate of 4% Per Year. Given the Projected Growth in Population Over the Next Twenty Years This Growth in Travel Demand Will Likely Continue.
- If That Happens the Number of Trips Being Made in 2020 Will Be More Than Double Today's Rate.

# Today's Consequences Of Past Growth in Travel Demand

- Increased Congestion A 1998 Texas Transportation Institute Report on Congestion Stated That Between 1988 and 1994 the Salt Lake Area Experienced the Greatest Growth in Congestion in the Country
- <u>Diminished Safety</u> A 2000 Study by the Surface Transportation Policy Project Ranked the Salt Lake/ Ogden Area As Having the 12th Most Dangerous Auto Pedestrian Environment
- Poor Air Quality Utah County and Salt Lake County Will Lapse In Their Air Quality Conformity in August 2000 and January 2001 Respectively

### **Declining Quality Of Life**

# The Transportation Crisis

- How Will Our Region Accommodate a
   Doubling of Travel Demand Over the Next 20
   Years?
- Simply Building More Highways to Accommodate This Demand Is Unrealistic in Terms of Cost, Right-of-way, and Air Quality

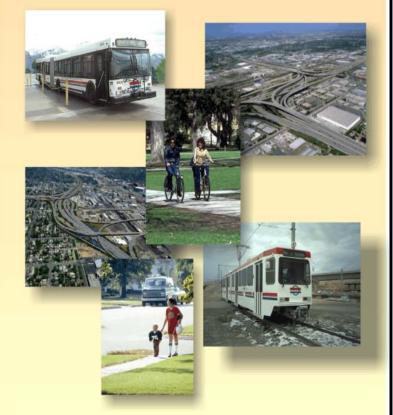
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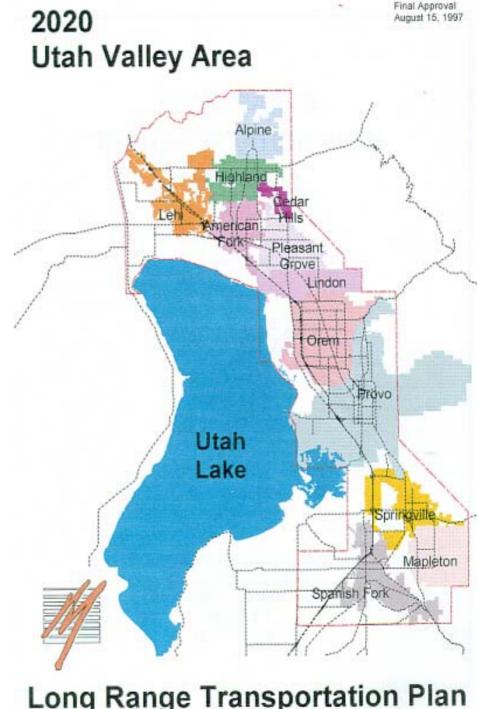
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**Wasatch Front Regional Council** 

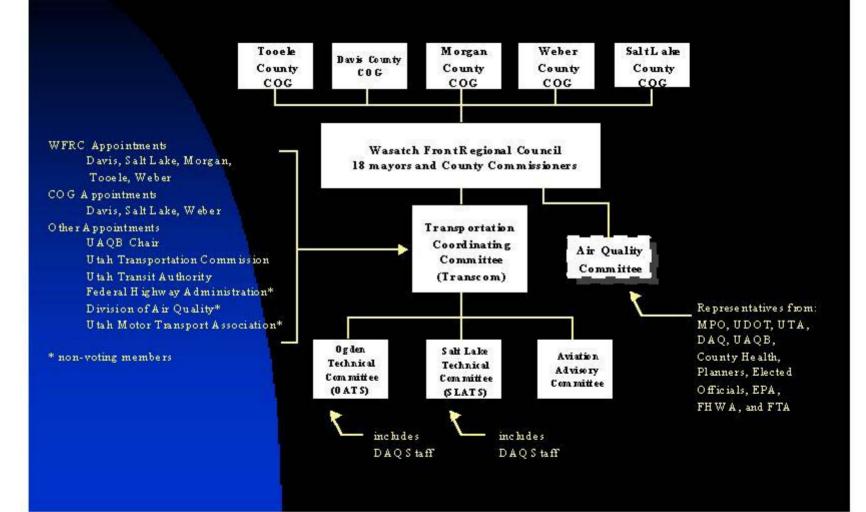
#### LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

1998-2020





# Transportation and Air Quality Planning Structure Wasatch Front Regional Council



# Long Range Plan Components (20 Year Horizon)

#### Transit Improvements

- Expanded Bus
  - Night Service
  - Shuttle Service
  - Saturday/Sunday and Holiday Service
  - Increased Frequency and Coverage
  - Corresponding Paratransit Service

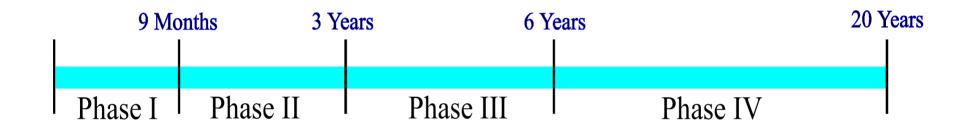
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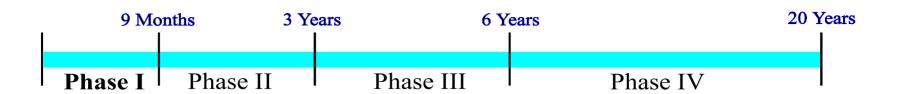
- Transit Improvements (continued)
  - Rail Transit
    - Regional Commuter rail
      - Brigham City to Payson
    - Light Rail Extensions
      - Airport
      - Draper
      - University Hospital
      - West Jordan
      - West Valley

# Long Range Plan Components (20 Year Horizon)

- Transit Improvements (continued)
  - Facilities
    - Regional Intermodal Centers
    - Community Transit Hubs
    - Park & Ride Lots
    - Maintenance Facilities
  - Technology Development / ITS
    - Improve Schedule Adherence and Customer Convenience

# Time Line For Transit Improvements





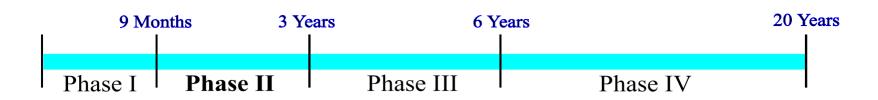
#### Phase I

#### • Bus System Development

- Increased Night Service
- Increased Saturday Service
- Sunday Service

#### Rail System Development

- Sunday Service
- Initiate Environmental Studies on Regional Rail Plan



#### Phase II

#### Bus System Development

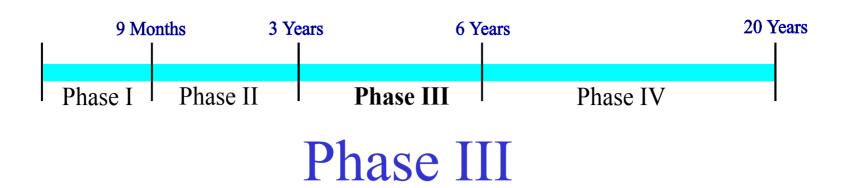
- Expand Grid Bus Service Increase Service on All Major East/west and North/south Routes
- Peak Shuttle Bus and Express Service Increase High Demand Service

#### Rail Development

• Initiate Development of Regional Rail Extensions

#### Technology Development

- Automated Vehicle Locators and Passenger Counters
- Smart Cards
- Customer Information Systems



#### Bus System Development

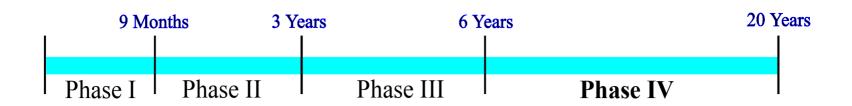
- Develop 15 Minute Frequency in High Demand Corridors
- Expand System Coverage to Meet New Demand Areas

#### Development of Transit Hub Network

 Develop a Community Transit Hub System That Will Link Park& Ride Lots, TRAX Stations, and Regional Intermodal Centers With Local and Express Bus Service

#### Rail Development

- Begin Operation of Initial Regional Rail Extensions As Determined by Local Government
- Continue Development of Regional Rail Extensions



#### Phase IV

#### Bus System Development

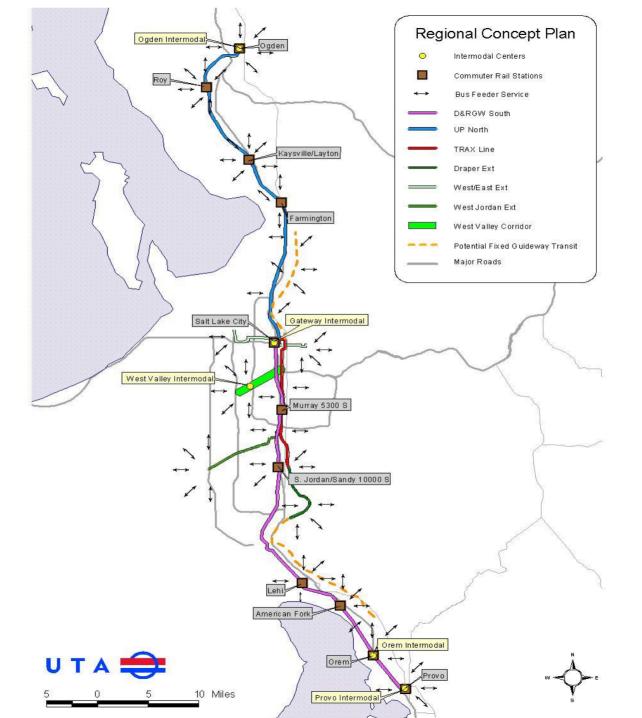
- Increase Frequency in High Demand Corridors
- Expand System Coverage to Meet New Demand Areas

#### Development of Transit Hub Network

Complete Development of Transit Hub Network

#### Rail Development

- Build Out Regional Rail Extensions As Defined in Long Range Plan
- Initiate Development of Rail Transit Into South Davis County and Northern Utah County



# Light Rail Extensions Capital Costs

(1999 Dollars)

Airport

\$250 - 285 Million

Draper

\$100 - \$170 Million

• University Hospital

\$40 - \$50 Million

West Jordan

\$60-\$175 Million

West Valley City

\$180-\$194 Million

(Planning Level Estimates)

# Light Rail Extensions Annual Operating Costs

(1999 Dollars)

<b>A</b> •
Airport
Import

\$4 - 5 Million

• Draper

\$2 - 5 Million

University Hospital

\$1 - 2 Million

West Jordan

\$4 - 7 Million

West Valley

\$4 - 7 Million

(Planning Level Estimates)

### **Commuter Rail Costs**

**(1997 Dollars)** 

Capital Cost

\$155-275 Million

Annual Operating

\$10-\$15 Million

# UTA Funding

#### Fare Box Revenue

(2000 Projected)

• Fare Box

• Bus

• TRAX

Total

\$12,527,732

\$2,745,012

\$15,272,744

Recovery Ratio

18%

# Sales Tax Funding

(2000 Projected)

•	Salt Lake County	\$39,000,542
•	Box Elder County	\$560,372
•	Davis County	\$6,374,466

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- Tooele County \$611,950
- Utah County \$10,023,475
- Weber County \$6,189,499

Total

\$62,310,454

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#### UTA's Commitment To Excellence

- Most Efficient In 1986 And 1996 UTA Won The APTA Award For The Most Efficient Transit Agency of Its Size In The Nation
- Best Managed Project In 1999 The GAO Reported That UTA Was The Only Transit Agency In The United States That Built Its Light Rail System Under Budget and Ahead of Schedule
- **Best Value** No Other 500 Bus/ LRT Agency In The U.S. Operates On As Little As 1/4% Local Sales Tax Or Equivalent Local Funding
- **Equity** Communities Get What They Pay For

# Local Operating Tax Comparison

(1997 National Transit Database Figures)

<u>City</u>	Annual Local Funds	Population	Per C	Capita_
Minneapolis	\$ 50,894,924	2,213,143	\$	23
Columbus	\$ 28,684,619	961,437	\$	30
UTA	\$ 46,594,843	1,513,000	\$	31
Sacramento	\$ 40,881,063	1,097,005	\$	37
St. Louis	\$ 82,604,109	1,924,726	\$	43
San Antonio	\$ 55,847,303	1,129,154	\$	49
Denver	\$ 118,031,475	2,100,000	\$	56
Spokane	\$ 26,270,748	365,660	\$	72
Cleveland	\$ 133,747,592	1,412,140	\$	95
Dallas	\$ 188,109,077	1,904,330	\$	99
Portland	\$ 106,466,909	988,284	\$	108
Houston	\$ 273,387,606	2,457,673	\$	111
Seattle	\$ 205,548,253	1,646,200	\$	125
Total Average Yearly Per Capita Funds			s <b>\$</b>	68

# Summary

• There Is a Transportation Crisis!

• There Is a Plan To Deal With The Crisis!

The Plan Has Been Approved By Local Government!

• Is It Time To Implement The Plan?

# Transit Technologies

# Diesel Multiple Units (DMUs)

- Alternative/ Emerging Technology
- Diesel Light Rail Vehicle
- Can Be Used In a Number of Applications
- Individually Powered Cars
- Does Not Require Electrification
- Cannot Operate in Street Rights-of-Way



# Light Rail Transit (LRT)

- Serves Travel Within Urban Areas
- Total Length <15 to 20 Miles</li>
- Average Trip Length < 4 Miles</li>
- Station Spacing Every Mile or Less
- Costs Approximately \$20 \$55 Million per Mile
- Can Operate In Street Right-of-way
- Cannot Operate Within Active Freight Rail Road Rights-of-Way



#### Commuter Rail Transit

- Serves Inter-city Trips
- Average Trip Length > 20 Miles
- Station Spacing Every Three to Five Miles
- Cost Approximately \$2 \$15 Million per Mile
- Can Operate Within Existing Freight Railroad Rights-of-way

